

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a list of candidate alternative spellings, comprising:
finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first spelling that is also contained in a query that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second file;
searching, within said second file, for any spellings that satisfy particular criteria;
wherein said particular criteria includes that said spellings are spelled similarly to, but not exactly the same as, said first spelling;
adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within [[the]] said second document that satisfy [[the]] said particular criteria;
generating a filtered list at least in part by filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings based on a comparison of (a) a first frequency of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files to (b) a second frequency of occurrences, in said plurality of files, of a second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings; and
storing said filtered list of candidate alternative spellings on a computer-readable storage medium.
- 2-6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and wherein said [[a]] second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings comprises multiple words.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings further comprises: comprising:
in response to determining that said first frequency is greater than said second frequency,
removing said second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings.

~~filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files and frequencies of occurrences of a second spelling from said list in said plurality of files.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said first spelling is a plural form of [[a]] said second spelling ~~in said list of candidate alternative spellings.~~
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether [[a]] said second spelling ~~in said list of candidate alternative spellings~~ is a plural form of said first spelling.
11. (Currently Amended) A volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform steps comprising:
finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first spelling that is also contained in a query that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second file;
searching, within said second file, for any spellings that satisfy particular criteria;
wherein said particular criteria includes that said spellings are spelled similarly to, but not exactly the same as, said first spelling;
adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within said second document that satisfy said particular criteria;
generating a filtered list at least in part by filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings based on a comparison of (a) a first frequency of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files to (b) a second frequency of occurrences, in said plurality of files, of a second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings; and
storing said filtered list on a computer-readable storage medium.

~~adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within the second document that satisfy the particular criteria; and storing said list of candidate alternative spellings on a computer readable storage medium.~~

12-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and [[a]] wherein said second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings comprises multiple words.

18. (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings further comprises: in response to determining that said first frequency is greater than said second frequency, removing said second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings.

~~wherein the steps further comprise:~~

~~filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files and frequencies of occurrences of a second spelling from said list in said plurality of files.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said first spelling is a plural form of [[a]] said second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings.

20. (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether [[a]] said second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings is a plural form of said first spelling.

21. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said filtered list.
23. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
conducting a search of said plurality of files based on a query terms in which said first
spelling has been replaced by a spelling from said list but wherein query terms
other than said first spelling remain as entered by said user; and
presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.
24. (Previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of
Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.
25. (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of
Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said filtered list.
26. (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of
Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
conducting a search of said plurality of files based on a query terms in which said first
spelling has been replaced by a spelling from said list but wherein query terms
other than said first spelling remain as entered by said user; and
presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.